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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: The "Old Common"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 110 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Dorchester	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Crawford O. Murphy				
STREET AND NUMBER: 110 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge			STATE: Maryland	21613
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 206 High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge			STATE: Maryland	21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Liber 43/Folio 164				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins		<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>This is a tall two and one half story frame house with German siding. The steep pitched hip roof has a chimney at the center peak. There are three bays across the front and the door is on the north side of the front. Over the doorway is a one story gabled portico supported by doric columns. The two bays to the south of the door project forward slightly and are capped by a gable. Also on the front facade is a gabled dormer. Both the dormer and the gable are embellished with imbricated shingle.</p>			

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

This property was once part of the lot stretching from Commerce Street to the river, known as the "Old Common". It was first conveyed by James Phillips, escheat patentee of "Ricarton" to John Caile in May 1747 for \$30. In July 1760, John Caile sold the property to Charles Goldsborough for \$100. The property was owned by several members of the Goldsborough family, until in 1802, it was sold by Richard Goldsborough to James Steele, then owner of the Point. Mr. Steele's son, James, sold the lot to Capt. Sadrach Mitchell in 1824. By several deeds stretching from 1834 to 1843, Capt. Mitchell conveyed all of his property to Josiah Bayly, Jr. (excepting a strip on the edge of the water that was known as "the shipyard". There were still no houses on the property known as the "Old Common". In April 1847, Josiah Bayly, Jr. sold the property, except the shipyard, to Lewis Ross. Capt. Ross later acquired the shipyard, also. Ross died in 1879, and by his will, divided the property in two parts, devising the southern half to his granddaughter, Lydia A. Ross, who later married Thomas Hughlett, and the northern half to his granddaughter Elexine, wife of Charles N. Creighton. In 1883, Miss Ross sold her half to Roberta Crowell, who sold the property to Mrs. Clara W. Byrn, wife of W. Wilson Byrn, first president of the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad Company. Mrs. Byrn built a house for herself on the northern half of the lot and sold the southern half to James Henry of Baltimore City, who in April 1890, sold the same to Mrs. Mattie H. Henry, the wife of the Hon. W. Laid Henry, who built the present residence (110 High Street) thereon.

Significance:

This is a large and attractive example of vernacular architecture built sometime around 1890. It is part of a group of large houses on the northern end of High Street, most of which were built in the late 19th century and are of architectural interest.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Col. Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the
Daily Banner, May 1, 1925.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	0	'	"		0	'	"	
NE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SE	0	'	"		0	'	"	
SW	0	'	"		0	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Catherine L. Moore,

ORGANIZATION

DATE

11/10/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN:

Cambridge

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

110 High Street
Cambridge, Maryland

RSM 43/164

This house was built in 1890 by Mrs. Nettie M. Henry. In 1889 James W. Henry, Jr. of Baltimore purchased this lot from Mrs. Clara W. Byrn (see 108 High Street). He sold the lot to Mrs. Henry the following year and she erected this vernacular style dwelling. It is one of several late nineteenth century residences constructed on the lower end of High Street.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

Land Records.

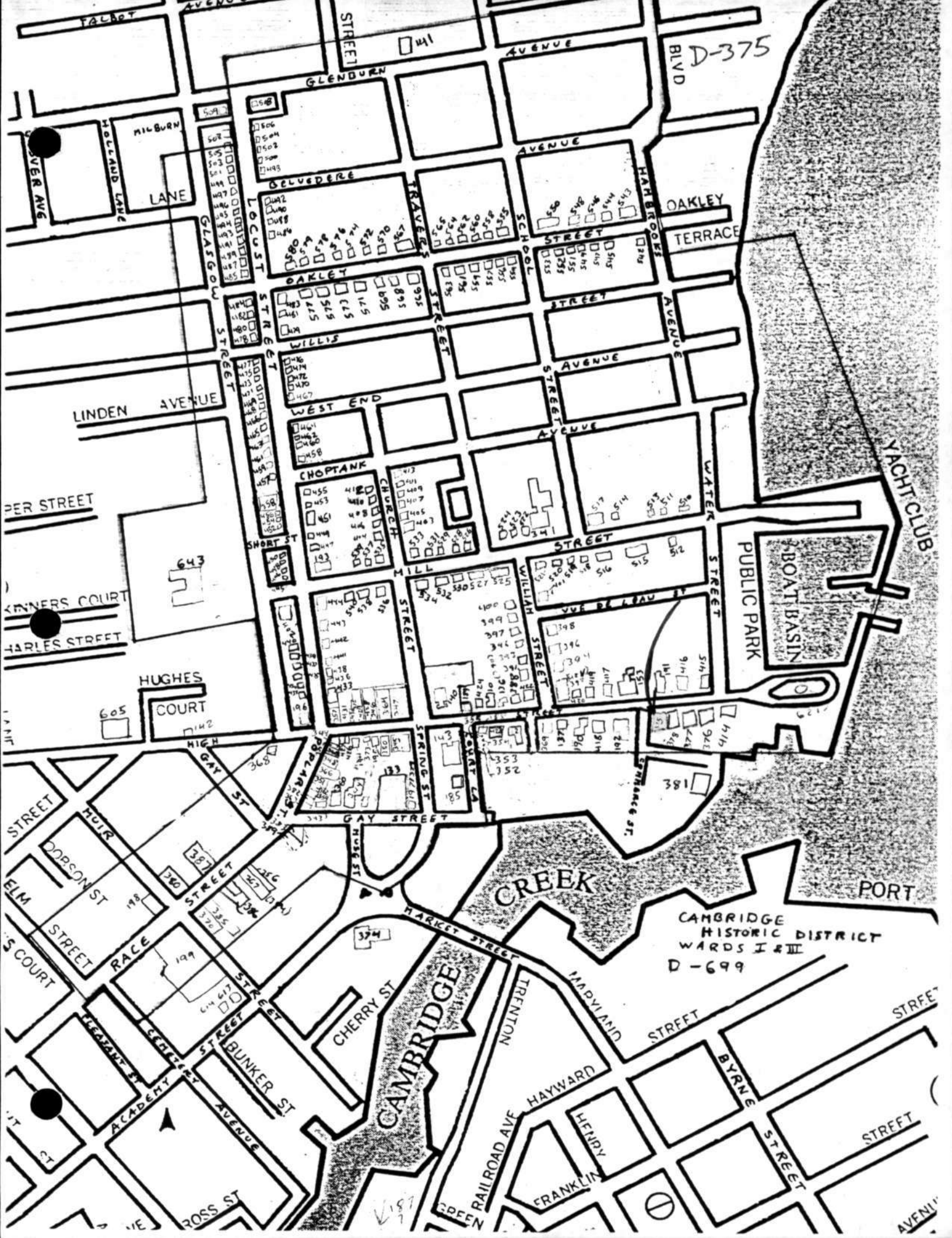
Dorchester County Office Building, Cambridge, Maryland.

Assessment Records.

Research by:

Terrance Walbert

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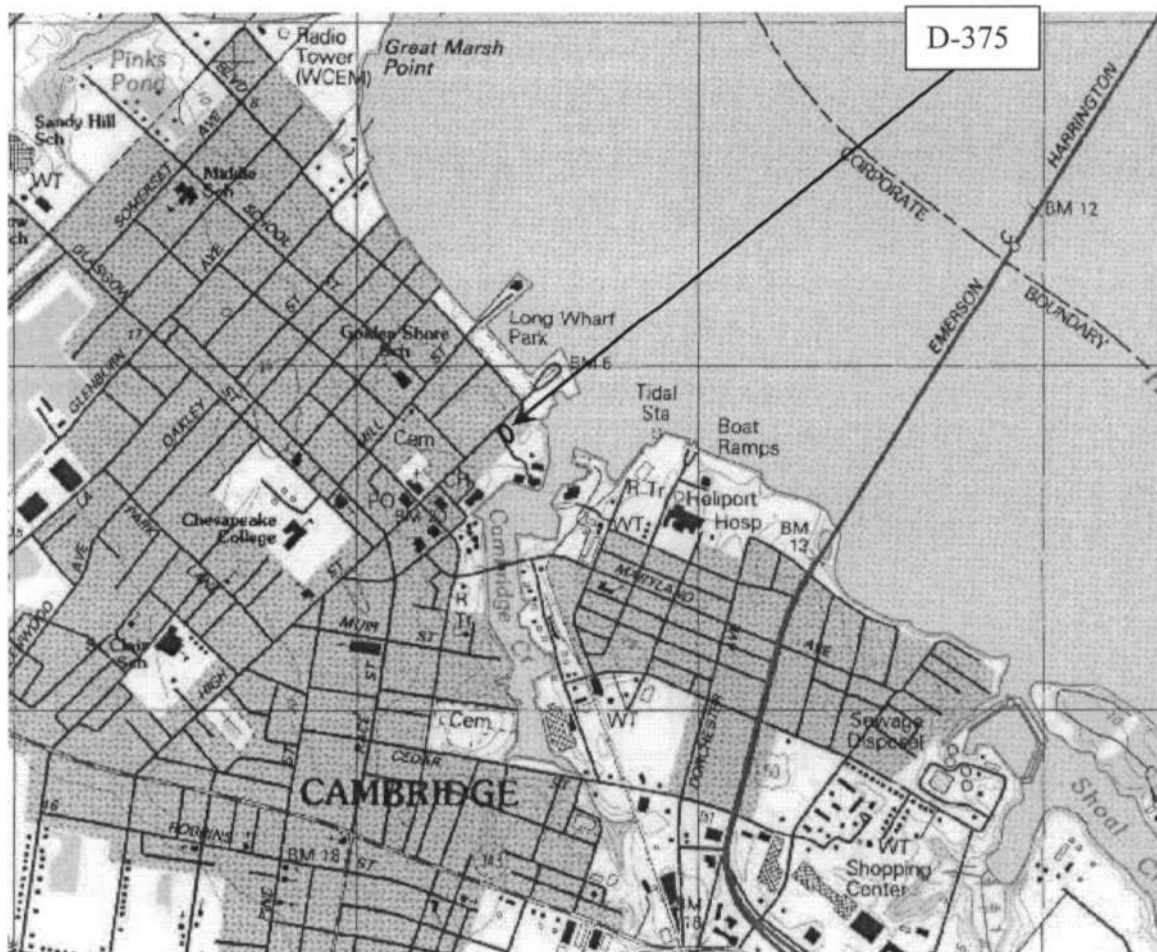
Henry House (The "Old Common")

110 High St.

Cambridge

Cambridge Quad.

Dorchester Co.





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63%

110 High St

Cambridge

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